Chapter Ten   
  
1. Civil law in the states today is based in large part on centuries-old English   
a. statutory law.   
b. constitutional law.   
c. common law.   
d. federalist papers.   
  
2. As a community property state, Texas requires all of the following except   
a. that a couple divide property acquired during marriage.   
b. that a spouse is not usually responsible for the other’s support after divorce.   
c. that children have a right to be supported by their parents even if the parents are divorced.   
d. alimony must be paid after five years of marriage.   
  
3. Under Texas law, an individual can lose the title to a homestead for all of the following reasons except   
a. delinquency on home equity loans.   
b. failure to satisfy tax liens.   
c. delinquency on home improvement loans.   
d. nonpayment of child support.   
  
4. Laws that prohibit union shop agreements requiring new employees to join a union are called   
a. pen shop.   
b. free access.   
c. right-to-work laws.   
d. closed shop.   
  
5. All of the following groups have advocated for tort reform except   
a. businesses.   
b. insurance companies.   
c. plaintiffs’ lawyers.   
d. health professionals.   
  
6. The legislature has passed laws involving all of the following except   
a. reducing frivolous lawsuits.   
b. restricting lawsuits by prison inmates.   
c. capping jury awards of punitive damages.   
d. reforming automobile insurance lawsuits.   
7. Which court case did the U.S. Supreme Court approve seizing private residences to make way for a resort hotel, office buildings, and posh apartments? This court case caused Texas to join several other states in limiting government’s power of eminent domain.   
a. Eminent Domain v. Kelo   
b. Kelo v. City of New London Connecticut   
c. Kelo v. City of New Jersey   
d. Kelo v. Rick Perry, et Al.   
  
8. In Texas, all of following crimes are felonies except   
a. livestock rustling.   
b. engaging in sexual acts with a person under the age of 17.   
c. second-degree murder.   
d. stalking.   
  
9. What legal procedure guarantees fairness before the government may deprive a person of life, liberty, or property?   
a. Due process   
b. Probable cause   
c. Compulsory process   
d. Exclusionary rule   
  
10. Probable cause in Texas is usually determined by which of the following?   
a. Justices of the peace   
b. Constitutional county judges   
c. County judges-at-law   
d. Supreme Court justices   
  
11. According to the U.S. Supreme Court, which of the following is not a legal exception to the Miranda Rule?   
a. When a confession given without the Miranda warning leads to witnesses, their testimony may be used.   
b. Police may ad lib the Miranda warning without using the precise language in the 1966 decision.   
c. When the public safety is endangered, Miranda warnings are unnecessary.   
d. A confession made without Miranda warnings may not be used as evidence of perjury if later statements by the accused contradict it. 

12. The assigned counsel system in Texas has been criticized for ​   
a. ​cronyism when judges assigned campaign contributors to the cases of poor defendants.   
b. ​privileging the poor and minorities.   
c. ​causing back logs in the case load of municipal courts.   
d. ​none of the above.   
  
13. Which of the following is not an explanation given by prosecutors for agreeing to plea bargains?   
a. Criminals are still punished to the full measure of their crime.   
b. Dockets are overcrowded.   
c. It saves taxpayers money.   
d. In doing so, evidence is gathered about fellow criminals.   
  
14. The initial questioning of jurors to determine possible biases is called what?   
a. Voir dire   
b. Challenging   
c. Preemptory challenging   
d. Writs   
  
15. Which statement is incorrect about the adversary system?   
a. Each side can challenge the material evidence.   
b. It is not a violation of due process for the government to withhold evidence.   
c. Each side can cross-examine witnesses.   
d. The prosecutor has the legal responsibility to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. 